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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I think the lawsuits against Microsoft have gone on way too long. I am glad to see that Microsoft is not being broken up, but I thoroughly believe that this suit has been a personal vendetta from the first place and has been extremely unfair to Bill Gates.

The terms of the settlement do not let Microsoft off easy. Microsoft has to disclose internal interfaces, design future version of Windows so that competitors can promote their own products, and improve their relations with computer makers and software developers regardless of their competitors' practices, efficiencies, or strategies. These restrictions go against free market economy principles to choose your partners, vendors, and consumers.

At any rate, I think it is in the best interest of the American public to end this lawsuit and finalize the settlement as soon as possible. Our tech sector needs to the brilliant innovation of Microsoft and their workers to jumpstart the industry and help out our ailing economy.

Sincerely,

Velora Upstone